

<b>Report of</b>	<b>Assistant Director of Corporate and Improvement Services</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Richard Clifford</b> ☎ 507832
<b>Title</b>	<b>Report of Urgent Decision taken under Cabinet Procedure Rule 22 – Test and Trace Support Payments</b>		
<b>Wards affected</b>	Not applicable		

## **1. Executive Summary**

1.1 This report provides details of an decision taken by the Leader of the Council in respect of Test and Trace Support Payments. In view of the timescales involved, this decision could not await this Cabinet meeting and the decision was therefore taken by the Leader of the Council pursuant to the provisions of Cabinet Procedure Rule 22. A decision taken in these circumstances must be reported to the next meeting of Cabinet.

## **2. Recommended Decision**

2.1 To note the decision taken by the Leader of the Council in respect of Test and Trace Support Payments under the urgency provisions in Cabinet Procedure Rule 22.

## **3. Reason for Recommended Decision**

3.1 A decision taken under Rule 22 of the Cabinet Procedure Rules must be reported to the next meeting of Cabinet.

## **4. Alternative Options**

4.1 None

## **5. Background Information**

5.1 The Government has announced Test and Trace Support Payment Schemes to support residents on low incomes who are unable to work from home if they are told to self-isolate due to Covid-19 and will lose income as a result. There is a main scheme and a discretionary scheme. The schemes are to be administered by Local Authorities.

5.2 Whilst the policies to implement such a scheme would normally be approved by Cabinet, there was insufficient time for this to occur before the scheme had to come into effect on 12 October 2020. Therefore the decision was taken by the Leader of the Council pursuant to Cabinet Procedure Rule 22. The decision was taken and published on 6 October 2020 and is attached to this report. In view of the urgency, the call in provisions did not apply to the decision.

5.3 As the decision was a key decision, and the normal arrangements around the publication of a key decision could not apply, the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel was consulted and indicated that, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 31 of the Access to Information Procedures Rules, he was content that in the circumstances the decision could not be deferred.

5.4 The decision is reported to Cabinet as is required by the Procedure Rules.

## **6. Standard References**

6.1 There are no particular references to the Strategic Plan; consultation or publicity considerations or financial; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications.